

# **CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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### **1. What is Concurrent Enrollment?**

Concurrent Enrollment is a program offered between a public high school and a participating Utah college or university. Challenging college-level courses are offered to high school students in their Junior and Senior year of high school and credits are earned in the class for both high school graduation and college credit.

**2. What are the qualifications to participate in Concurrent Enrollment?**

Local schools have the primary responsibility for identifying students who are eligible to participate in concurrent enrollment classes. Concurrent enrollment classes should be rigorous introductory level college courses, so it is expected that students will be academically prepared for challenging courses and have taken the necessary prerequisites.

Each student participating in the concurrent enrollment program shall have a current student education/occupation plan (SEOP) on file at the participating school, as required under Section 53A-1a-106(2)(b), and considered a student of the district in which the public school of attendance is located.

**3. What are the pre-requisites of Concurrent Enrollment?**

Junior or Senior in high school, prior to the Junior year, upon approval of both the public education and higher education institution.

A student in good standing

A solid foundation for the subject matter to be studied

Signed parental permission

For specific course pre-requisites, please see your high school counselor

**4. How will concurrent enrollment benefit me?**

Concurrent enrollment allows students to take courses for high school and university credit simultaneously. Credit will be granted for passing grades in the course. These courses allow students a jump start in to college, by taking necessary entry level college courses in high school and provide a transition in to college.

**5. Do I need to apply and be admitted to a Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institution to apply for enrollment through Concurrent Enrollment?**

Yes, there will be a one time only application process and fee to register at the higher education institution. Please see your high school counselor for details.

**6. What is the difference between Concurrent Enrollment and Dual Enrollment?**

Concurrent Enrollment: enrollment by public school students in one or more USHE institution course(s) under a contractual agreement between the USHE institution and a school district/public school. Students continue to be enrolled in public schools, counted in Average Daily Membership, and receive credit toward graduation. They also receive college credit for courses.

Dual Enrollment: a student who is enrolled simultaneously in public school and in a home school or a regularly established private school.

**7. Will I receive credit at my high school and/or college?**

Credit is received for courses passed with a grade of D or higher in high school coursework. Generally, credit will be given in college for a grade of D or higher, but a higher education department may not consider C- or below, a passing grade, therefore, a student may have to retake any course lower than a C-. Please check with the teacher of the course to determine the expectations of the higher ed. institution.

**8. Are Home Schooled students eligible to apply for Concurrent Enrollment?**

A home schooled student may participate in any academic activity in the public school available to students in the minor's grade or age group, subject to compliance with the same rules and requirements that apply to a full-time student's participation in the activity...A student enrolled in a dual enrollment program is considered a student of the district in which the public school of attendance is located.

**9. Are international students eligible to apply for Concurrent Enrollment?**

International students may participate in any academic activity in the public schools for which they are enrolled.

**10. Are there deadlines for Concurrent Enrollment registration?**

Yes. Preferably, students will register for concurrent enrollment prior to the start of the school year. Students must follow the timelines established by their public school, but registration must take place by the third week of each semester.

**11. How much will this cost?**

Students may be assessed a one-time application/registration fee per institution. Tuition and fees may not be charged to high school students for participation in this program, but the school may have a textbook or lab fee associated with consumables that may be used in a course.

**12. How many courses can I enroll in?**

Providing all district paperwork is current, state funding will reimburse school districts for up to 30 semester credits per year per student. Please speak with your school counselor or administrator if you intend to exceed this amount.

**13. When am I considered to be officially enrolled in a class?**

If your course appears on your high school schedule and the university has you enrolled and registered for this course for credit.

**14. When is the latest I can drop a course without being penalized?**

Ask your school counselor as districts may have guidelines. The maximum amount of time allowed by the state is the third week of the semester.

**15. Should I decide not to remain at this Utah System of Higher Education (USHE), will my credits transfer elsewhere?**

All credits will be accepted by all USHE institutions. If you transfer to a private or out of state institution, it would be up to the discretion of the institution.

**16. How would Concurrent Enrollment credit affect my ability to obtain a scholarship?**

Numerous scholarships are based on new student entry in to higher education. If a student exceeds 60 credit hours, they may be viewed as a student of higher standing and not qualify for an entry scholarship to college. Scholarships are offered

**17. How could I find out more information about a course?**

Please see your school counselor. The Utah State Office of Education also keeps records of course syllabi.

**18. What happens if the course is too difficult and I cannot complete the requirement?**

Depending on your district, the state allows you three weeks before penalizing you for dropping a course. Please speak with the appropriate personnel prior to registering for a concurrent enrollment course.

**19. Does Concurrent Enrollment begin a permanent college transcript?**

Yes, participation in concurrent enrollment generates higher education credit that becomes a part of a students permanent college transcript.

**20. How do I receive my final grades?**

Your instructor for the course will submit your grade or academic status periodically throughout the year. Your high school and college grades should be the same and both will appear on a transcript representing each institution.

**21. Where is my transcript of record for Concurrent Enrollment classes?**

Both the high school and college should maintain transcripts with your concurrent enrollment grade and credit.

**22. What should I do if I have a question not answered here?**

Please ask your school counselor, who may refer you to your districts concurrent enrollment personnel. The State Office of Education may be able to assist you with general questions regarding legislation, process and course approval.

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